

CLAIMS

1. A keypad optimized for off-axis viewing, comprising one or more triads of keys in a row protruding from a faceplate surface, each such key bearing an indicium representative of the result of pressing the key, the indicium being on a key surface that is oblique to the plane defined by the faceplate surface or by the topmost portion of each of the keys.
2. The keypad of claim 1, comprising three triads of keys representing numbers from 1 to 9.
3. The keypad of claim 2, further comprising a fourth triad of keys, one representing the number 0 and the other two representing functions.
4. The keypad of claim 3, wherein the other two functions are represented by the characters * and #.
5. The keypad of claim 1 wherein the keys are formed integrally with a common base from which they protrude through the faceplate.
6. A wireless phone comprising a keypad as recited in claim 1.
7. A mounting for a wireless phone optimized for off-axis viewing and operation, comprising a keypad as recited in claim 1 and a clip for temporarily securing the wireless phone upside-down for manual operation at or near the waist of a user.
8. A kit for retrofitting a conventional wireless phone for off-axis viewing comprising a replacement keypad as recited in claim 1.
9. The kit of claim 8, further comprising a mounting comprising a clip for temporarily securing the wireless phone upside-down for manual operation at or near the waist of a user.

10. A remote control device comprising a keypad as recited in claim 1.
11. The keypad of claim 1, wherein the indicia on the keys of at least one triad do not include numbers.